the nomination of Mark A. Kearney, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Pages S6228–29

Orr Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Franklin M. Orr, Jr., of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Gerald J. Pappert, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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Hezir Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Joseph S. Hezir, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Franklin M. Orr, Jr., of California, to be Under Secretary for Science, Department of Energy.

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Mamet Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Noah Bryson Mamet, of California, to be Ambassador to the Argentine Republic.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 291), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Bell Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Colleen Bradley Bell, of California, to be Ambassador to Hungary. Page S6230

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 50 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 292), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Coloretti and Adler Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII, on Tuesday, December 2, 2014, following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture of the nomination of Nani A. Coloretti, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Department of Housing and Urban Development, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Robert S. Adler, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for a term of seven years; that if cloture is invoked on either of these nomina-

tions, the time until 4 p.m. be equally divided in the usual form, and that at 4 p.m., all post-cloture time be considered expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order upon which cloture was invoked; and that there be two minutes for debate prior to each vote, and all roll call votes after the first vote in the sequence be 10 minutes in length.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—292) Pages \$6229-30, \$6230

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:17 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages \$6237–38.)

### Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### IMPROVING FINANCIAL INSTITUTION SUPERVISION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: On Friday, November 21, 2014, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine improving financial institution supervision, focusing on addressing regulatory capture, after receiving testimony from William C. Dudley, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and David O. Beim, Columbia Business School, both of New York, New York; Robert C. Hockett, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, New York, and Norbert J. Michel, Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC.

## WALL STREET INVOLVEMENT WITH PHYSICAL COMMODITIES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: On Friday, November 21, 2014, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine Wall Street bank involvement with physical commodities, focusing on the extent to which

banks and their holding companies own physical commodities like oil, natural gas, aluminum and other industrial metals, as well as own or control businesses like power plants, oil and gas pipelines, and commodity warehouses, after receiving testimony from Larry D. Gasteiger, Acting Director, Office of Enforcement, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Saule Omarova, Cornell University,

Ithaca, New York; and Chiara Trabucchi, Industrial Economics, Incorporated, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Nicholas J. Rasmussen, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

# House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 10 public bills, H.R. 5769–5778, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 5449, to reauthorize Federal support for passenger rail programs, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 113–629);

H.R. 5421, to amend title 11 of the United States Code in order to facilitate the resolution of an insolvent financial institution in bankruptcy (H. Rept. 113–630);

H.R. 5050, to repeal the Act of May 31, 1918, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–631);

H.R. 2455, to provide for the sale or transfer of certain Federal lands in Nevada, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–632);

H.R. 3572, to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in North Carolina, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–633);

H.R. 277, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Sachuest Point Unit RI–04P, Easton Beach Unit RI–05P, Almy Pond Unit RI–06, and Hazards Beach Unit RI–07 in Rhode Island, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–634);

H.R. 1810, to revise the boundaries of John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System Gasparilla Island Unit in Florida, (H. Rept. 113–635);

H.R. 3226, to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System certain properties in South Carolina, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–636):

H.R. 3227, to remove from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System certain properties in South Carolina, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–637);

H.R. 4924, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and to provide for the settlement of specific water rights claims in the Bill Williams River watershed in the State of Arizona, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–638); and

H.R. 5049, to exchange trust and fee land to resolve land disputes created by the realignment of the Blackfoot River along the boundary of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–639).

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Meadows to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m. Page H8174

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Financial Institution Bankruptcy Act of 2014: H.R. 5421, amended, to amend title 11 of the United States Code in order to facilitate the resolution of an insolvent financial institution in bankruptcy;

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Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Act of 2014: H.R. 4924, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into the Big Sandy River-Planet Ranch Water Rights Settlement Agreement and the Hualapai Tribe Bill Williams River Water Rights Settlement Agreement, to provide for the lease of certain land located within Planet Ranch on the Bill Williams River in the State of Arizona to benefit the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species